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DUONG et al.) Group Art Unit: 1634
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT

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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the references are enclosed.

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Further, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that references 198-202 listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were cited in an International Search Report dated April 5, 2000 for a counterpart PCT application. The filing of the instant Information Disclosure Statement is within three months of the date of that International Search Report and, therefore, need not be accompanied by the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). A copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application is also enclosed herewith.

As required by M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b), Applicants note that the present application is related to United States Serial No. 08/743,798 filed November 5, 1996, Kayyem et al., entitled "Electrodes Linked via Conductive Oligomers to Nucleic Acids." Applicant also notes that there are several copending applications based on U.S.S.N. 08/743,798; these are U.S.S.N. 08/873,978, filed June 12, 1997; U.S.S.N. 08/899,510, filed July 24, 1997; and U.S.S.N. 08/911,085, filed August 14, 1997.

Applicants also notes that the present application is also related to U.S.S.N. 08/873,597, filed June 12, 1997, and 08/911,589, filed August 14, 1997.

Applicants also notes that the present application is also related to U.S.S.N. 09/096,593, filed June 12, 1998.

Applicants also note that the present application is related to U.S.S.N. 09/134,058, filed August 14, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/338,726, filed June 23, 1999; and U.S.S.N. 09/440,371, filed November 12, 1999.

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Lastly applicant notes that the present application is related to U.S.S.N. 09/238,351 and U.S.S.N. 09/245,105, both filed January 27, 1999.

None of the foregoing references is believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

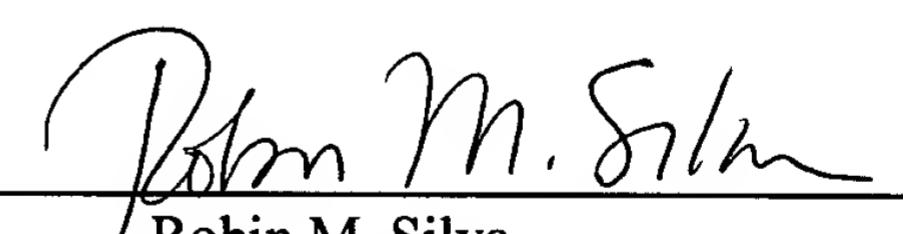
Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order no. A-65686-1/RFT/RMS/RMK).

An additional copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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